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ATTORNEY GENERAL MCGRAW AWARDS FUNDING TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEIRTON FROM THE PHARMA, INC. SETTLEMENT FUNDS

Charleston -- Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the distribution of \$10,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Weirton to fund its children's programs aimed at drug abuse prevention. This money comes from the latest installment in the \$10,000,000 settlement with Purdue Pharma, Inc. over the addictive qualities of the drug Oxycontin. A total of \$90,000 in funding will be presented to Boys & Girls Clubs across the state.

The funding will be used for drug diversion and education programs. Such programs are in keeping with the terms of the settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma, Inc.The terms of the settlement agreement entered into with Purdue Pharma direct that the settlement funds be distributed to drug education and intervention programs and also to law enforcement programs aimed at drug abuse education and prevention.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to offer guidance and support to children whose support system may need supplemented by mentors and additional adult influences. The use of this funding to educate and divert children away from the use of harmful substances is further in keeping with the Boys & Girls Clubs' long held mission to instill children with life skills that will help them avoid the pitfalls of poor judgment.

"It is an honor for my office to see the fruits of our labor go back to the citizens we serve by putting this funding into programs such as the Boys & Girls Club and therefore the community. We all have a contribution to make to civilization, and I know that we are all committed to that in our efforts."

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